

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 908

Approved by the Governor April 12, 2010

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to claims for legal services or disbursements; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 48-108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-108 No claim or agreement for legal services or disbursements in support of any demand made or suit brought under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act shall be an enforceable lien against the amounts to be paid as damages or compensation or be valid or binding in any other respect, unless the same be approved in writing by ~~the judge presiding at the trial or, in case of settlement without trial,~~ by a judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. After such approval, if notice in writing be given the defendant of such claim or agreement for legal services and disbursements, the same shall be a lien against any amount thereafter to be paid as damages or compensation. When the employee's compensation is payable by the employer in periodical installments, the compensation court shall fix, at the time of approval, the proportion of each installment to be paid on account of legal services and disbursements.

Sec. 2. Original section 48-108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.